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REMARKS

Claims 139-165 were pending, with claims 1-138 having previously been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. By this Amendment, claims 139-165 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 166-191 have been added. Accordingly, claims 166-191 are now pending, with claims 166 and 190 being in independent form.

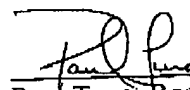
The present application relates to toner containers which are configured to be connected with a nozzle comprising an air outlet through which air flows into the toner container by way of an air conduit, and a hole through which toner is replenished to a developing section by way of a toner conduit. The toner container of independent claims 166 and 190 includes a mating portion and an air filter window. The mating portion allows the toner container to mate with the nozzle. The air filter window is in one of a bottom and a wall of the toner container.

Applicant does not find teaching or suggestion in the cited art of these features. Therefore, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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